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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG EG IS  
SUBJECT: GULF OF SUEZ ISSUE AT CAMP DAVID

1. AFTER SIGNING CEREMONY MORNING AUGUST 31 OF \$50 MILLION AGREEMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTIVITY, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND PETROLEUM HILAL ASKED ME TO STAY BEHIND A FEW MOMENTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CAMP DAVID MEETING. AFTER STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF THESE TALKS AND HIS HOPES AND PRAYERS THAT THEY WOULD ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF PEACE, HILAL SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED PRESIDENT SADAT TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF EGYPTIAN ACCESS TO OIL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION IN THE GULF OF SUEZ DURING SUMMIT MEETING. HILAL SAID HE WAS DISTURBED AT ISRAELI EXTRACTION OF OIL IN GULF OF SUEZ, BUT WAS EVEN MORE CONCERNED OVER EGYPTIAN INABILITY TO EXPAND THE RAMADAN AND JULY FIELDS ACROSS THE ISRAELI-DRAWN MEDIAN LINE. EGYPT WAS ANXIOUS TO EXPAND ITS PRODUCTION OF OIL IN ORDER TO MEET SADAT'S GOAL OF ONE MILLION BARRELS A DAY BY 1980, BUT WAS FRUSTRATED IN CONDUCTING FURTHER EXPLORATION BY ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT IT TO CROSS THE MEDIAN LINE. HE HAD THEREFORE ASKED SADAT TO BE SURE THIS SUBJECT WAS ON THE AGENDA FOR CAMP DAVID.

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2. HILAL ALSO RELATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE THAT ISRAEL HAD DRAWN UP A 12-PAGE DOCUMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPPORTING ITS LEGAL POSITION ON MINERAL RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND OFFSHORE WATERS. HE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THIS DOCUMENT FROM THE HAGUE SHORTLY AND WOULD SEND ME A COPY AS SOON AS IT WAS RECEIVED. I SAID I

WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE DOCUMENT AND NOTED THAT IN  
GENERAL THE EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN POSITIONS ON THIS WERE  
THE SAME.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE HILAL'S CONFIDENCE THAT SADAT WILL  
RAISE THE OIL ISSUE AT CAMP DAVID, MFA LEGAL ADVISER  
NABIL EL ARABY TOLD ECON COUNS TODAY THAT FONMIN KAMEL  
DID NOT WANT TO BRING THIS UP AT SUMMIT MEETING BUT  
INSTEAD EL ARABY SHOULD DISCUSS IT WITH DEPARTMENT'S  
LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS  
THE PROBLEM IN CASE SADAT FOLLOWS HILAL'S RECOMMENDATION.  
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